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## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP INTELLIGENCE REPORT

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SUBJECT Alleged Clandestine Exportation to Yugoslavia

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- 1. It is reported that a group of businessmen has been formed for the purpose of buying up food products of all kinds in Southern Italy (oil, flour, wheat, dry fruits, etc.) for clandestine export to Yugoslavia.
- 2. It is further claimed that those participating in this activity are connected with the Communists, some out of personal interest, other for political reasons. The Communist Party reportedly aids them and furnishes them with the necessary facilities. The shipments are evidently authorized by the competent officials of the places in which the products were purchased.
- 3. The Communist Party has succeeded in infiltrating some of its adherents into the SEPRAL (Sezione Provinciale Alimentazione, a Government agency handling food distribution) of Bari through whom necessary documents are obtained for the transfer of goods to the North. The permits used during transporation which is accomplished by truck trailer and in some cases by ship are never surrendered at the destination but are retained for possible use in later trips. Another method is to load the vehicles to exceed the amount specified on the permits and to transport the products destined for clandestine export under the cover of a regular load.

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